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SUBJ: YARG MESSAGE TO SECRETARY

1. YARG PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISER MUHAMMAD NU'MAN APRIL 30
HANDED AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR TRANSMITTAL
TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN CAIRO/ALEXANDRIA:

QTE HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

EXCELLENCY,

I REALIZE THAT DURING YOUR CURRENT VISIT TO THE
MIDDLE EAST YOU ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH VITAL
QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THIS
REGION AS A WHOLE. IN THIS CRITICAL MISSION WE
WISH YOU EVERY CONTINUING SUCCESS.
I WOULD HOPE THAT IN YOUR APPROACH TO THE REGIONAL
PROBLEM, YOU WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY AS WELL TO
CONCERN YOURSELF WITH A QUESTION WHICH ALTHOUGH OF
SMALLER DIMENSIONS, ALSO THREATENS PEACE AND
STABLE DEVELOPMENT. I REFER TO THE ACTIVITIES
OF REBELS IN OMAN AND SUBVERSIVE FRONTS
IN OTHER AREAS SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC

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REPUBLIC OF YEMEN AND ITS BACKERS.

THE YAR GOVERNMENT'S SPONSORSHIP AT THE RECENT CONCERENCE OF ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN TUNIS OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ARAB LEAGUE COMOUTTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION IN OMAN WAS INTENDED BY US TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN EARLY PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE FOREGOING PROBLEM. I HOPE THAT IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH EGYPT'S LEADERS, AND WITH OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE, YOU WILL EXPRESS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE INQUIRY BY THIS COMMITTEE LOOKING TOWARD A CESSATION OF OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR THE DHOFAR REBELLION, AND ITS TERMINATION. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU ADD YOUR VOICE TO OURS IN CONVEYING TO EGYPT THE HOPE THAT IT WILL TAKE A POSITIVE LEAD IN THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE AND THAT TO THIS PURPOSE IT SELECT A REPRESENTATIVE OF APPROPRIATELY HIGH CALIBER WHO HAS THE EXPERIENCE TO INITIATE A FRANK AND REALISTIC DIALOGUE WITH THE REBELS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS IN ADEN. WITH ACTIVE LEADERSHIP FROM OUR EGYPTIAN BROTHERS, WE BELIEVE THE WORK OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY IN THE PENINSULA.

I SEND MOST CORDIAL PERSONAL REGARDS AND AGAIN MY PRAYERS FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PRESENT MISSION. ALSO, PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RECENT MARRIAGE. WE WOULD BE GLAD AT ANY TIME TO WELCOME YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER TO YEMEN AND TO MARIB, THE LAND OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA, BRIDE OF SOLOMON.

VERY TRULY YOURS, MUHAMMAD AHMAD NU'MAN, POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE CHARMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN COUNCIL OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC. UNQTE

2. AMBASSADOR'S NOTE FYI: AFTER MANY YEARS OF INACCESSIBILITY TO VISITORS DUE TO LACK OF RELATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL TRIBES AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AT MARIB ARE NOW OPEN TO VISITORS BY RELIABLE AIR SHUTTLE FROM SANAA. ROUND TRIP SANAA-MARIB TAKES ONE HOUR. APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS WOULD BE DESIRABLE VISITING TIME FOR SITES.

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